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Hear GENERAL BULLARD, Alumni Day, May 31st

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Members of the editorial Frontis- board took advantage of the piece. absence from his office for a day, of the Editor-in-chief to make use of his photograph on the front page of the present issue. He will be more surprised than any other reader, when the first copy gives back his smiling reflection. For eight years or more, James R. Rutland, '00, has thru stress and storm safely piloted the voyage of the Auburn Alumnus, with efficiency, tact and modesty,—and the alumni owe him a debt of gratitude that will be hard to repay. It is with pride and pleasure we pay this tribute to our fellow craftsman and are truly glad of the opportunity to “put one over” on him.

We expect to feature some Class of one class in every issue. By 1906. this we mean we shall make a special effort to secure some fresh news item of interest in the personal life of each member of the class whose address is known. This month we are presenting some of the class of 1905. Next month we will handle the class of 1906. In May we will take up 1904. In June we will emphasize 1907 and the next month 1903, and so on in a similar rotation until we have covered the entire list of classes graduating from the college. The success of this effort lies entirely in the individual response coming from the alumni themselves. The task is but a modest one. May we count on your cooperation to make the record complete and interesting?

The February issue of Subscribe for the Auburn Alumnus The Alumnus. was sent out to all subscribers on our old mailing list. This same plan is being followed with the March number, so that all old subscribers may have a fair

chance and ample time in which to renew their subscriptions. Beginning however with the April number, this plan will be discontinued and that issue will be mailed only to those who have actually subscribed since publication has been resumed. Unless therefore you send in your subscription at once, we will infer that you do not care to receive further copies of the Auburn Alumnus with news of your Alma Mater, and your name will be reluctantly dropped from our list.

If however you do want it; if you do feel a desire to keep your hand on Auburn's pulsing life; if you do believe that a monthly messenger, brimful of “Auburn spirit”, reflecting Auburn's aims and ambitions,—will revive pleasant memories within you, re-establish neglected friendships, challenge a lagging interest and stimulate an appreciation of the college that has done so much for you,—why then, old man, send in your subscription by return mail and prompt other Auburn men known to you, to do likewise.

And truly the heart of ye editor will grow light for the task!

A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

To the Alumni of Auburn:

During and since the war the Auburn Alumni Association like the alumni organizations of other colleges has been completely disorganized.

Now that conditions are normal again we are determined that the Auburn Alumni Society shall again render not only efficient service to our college but shall also be the means of bringing all Auburn men into closer bonds of friendship, and we hope to be able to secure in the shortest possible time the correct address of all alumni and former students. You can materially assist by mailing to us at once the enclosed card which gives your correct address, class, etc.

The AUBURN ALUMNUS, our month-

ly alumni bulletin, is again being published and we earnestly urge you to subscribe to this splendid publication. Send in your subscription and \$2.00 to the Auburn Alumnus today and enclose a brief sketch of just what you are doing so that the Alumni Editor can let your classmates and other friends know of your "doings".

We earnestly urge you to attend Commencement this year. Alumni Day will be May 31st. Our fellow alumnus, the renowned soldier of the great war, General Robert Lee Bullard, '82, will be Alumni Orator. Make your arrangements now to be in Auburn Alumni Day. Can we expect you?

With warm personal regards we remain,

Sincerely,

THOS. BRAGG,

President Auburn Alumni Association.

H. M. MARTIN,

Secretary Auburn Alumni Association.

GOOD NEWS OF DR. THACH

Just as the Alumnus goes to press, a letter has been received by Mrs. Thach

from Dr. Lewellys F. Barker, Nerve Specialist on the Johns Hopkins Hospital Staff at Baltimore, which gives an authoritative statement as to Dr. Thach's present condition. We feel that no news could be included in this issue, which would give such uniform pleasure and satisfaction to the large circle of friends and admirers of "Dr. Charlie", as the frank statement contained in the letter printed below.

DR. LEWELLYS F. BARKER

1035 No. CALVERT St.

Baltimore, Md., March 17, 1920

Mrs. C. C. Thach,

Auburn, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Thach:

You may make a statement as follows as coming from me, "After a complete study of Dr. Thach's case here with several consultants, we have arrived at the conclusion that Dr. Thach's condition is favorable and we feel confident of his complete recovery, and that he will be able to take up his active duties at the beginning of the fall session of the college."

Yours very truly,

(Signed) LEWELLYS F. BARKER.

Reorganization at Auburn

A good deal was said in the Alumnus last spring about the study of Alabama educational institutions by the experts employed by the Alabama Educational commission. Their report was published last summer as *Bulletin*, 1919, No. 41, by the United States Bureau of Education. Chapters XX, XXI, and XXII take up the higher institutions. In order to show our readers who have not yet obtained copies of this report how well these investigators have stated our needs, the Alumnus prints herewith a list of recommendations concerning Auburn.

Recommendations Concerning Auburn

1. A large increase in the appropriation for the College of Agriculture.
2. Emphasis on the training of leaders in scientific agriculture and rural life.
3. In addition to investigations and training in civil, chemical, electrical and mechanical engineering, emphasis should be laid on highway, agricultural, and textile engineering.
5. The advisability of continuing curricula in architecture to be determined by the State council of education.
6. Increased appropriations for engineering education.
7. Facilities for practice-teaching and

additional instructors for the department of education.

8. The appropriation of \$10,000 a year for the maintenance of the summer school.

9. The concentration of education in pharmacy at Auburn.

10. Adequate appropriations for the support of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

11. The establishment of a department of forestry.

12. The establishment of a division of home economics at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and the transfer to Auburn of the Smith-Hughes work in the training of teachers in home economics, and the consequent expansion of the department of education to include the training of teachers in home economics.

13. The admission to the general course only of such students as meet full entrance requirements without conditions.

14. The development of definite program of research and the inclusion of estimates to cover the program in future budgets.

15. The assumption by the state of a larger financial responsibility for the program of agricultural extension than is required to meet the terms of the Smith-Lever Act.

16. The creation of a state council of

education to determine the needs in the fields of professional education and the allocation of the different portions of the tasks in harmony with foregoing recommendations.

17. The reorganization of the plan of internal administration.

18. A redistribution of the ratio of professors to instructors.

19. The establishment of safeguards against faculty inbreeding.

20. The reduction of teaching and administrative loads of the faculty members.

21. The reduction of the size of certain sections or classes.

22. The elimination as far as possible of very small classes.

23. The establishment of fifteen teaching hours as the maximum for a full time instructor, and of 250 to 300 clock hours as the normal average load.

24. The establishment of temporary average maximum salaries for deans at \$3,500, for full professors at \$3,000, and for associate and assistant professors at \$2,500.

These recommendations may be summarized as follows: (1) The college is in great need of funds, which the State should supply, for the proper maintenance of the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering, and Veterinary Medicine, the Summer Session, a Department of Pharmacy adequate for the needs of the whole State, and adequate research and extension programs. (2) The organization of the college should be further expanded so as to include textile and highway engineering, a division of home economics, and a department of forestry. (3) The policies of the college are to be readjusted in certain particulars, including a more definite program of research, slight changes in the plans of admission to college, and an enlargement of our plans to embrace the training of all kinds of rural leaders, including teachers, road builders, farmers, home economists, architects, and others needed to direct rural progress. (4) A better plan of coordination with the other state institutions is provided through the Council of Education which will undertake to combine into one comprehensive policy the work of the state's high institutions in the field of professional education. Of more importance is the reorganization of internal administration at Auburn. In addition to the five deans who shall relieve the president of all administrative duties wholly within their Divisions, four directors of specific activities are suggested, a Director of Instruction, a Director of Extension, a Director of Research, and a Director of Regulative Service. Such a division of responsibility should assure breadth of vision in formulating the po-

licies of the college in administration. (5) It was urged that the teaching loads of the members of the faculty be lightened, that salaries be materially increased, that a larger force of instructors be employed, and that inbreeding be guarded against. All in all the report is the record of comprehensive study and the most thorough analysis of our state institutions ever made.

It supercedes all former reports of "standardizing agencies" of which we have heard a great deal. It made some decisions which seem to Auburn men unwise; but no institution was pleased with all. Some of these decisions will in time be modified; in fact, some of them have already been modified. But, whether we like them all or not, no Auburn man can be displeased with the unreserved commendation of Auburn's record. Ignoring the common superstition that comparisons are odious, the committee of Washington experts placed the seal of their approval upon the good work of the past. Many of our shortcomings, as pointed out by them, will be easily remedied. At present the Board of Trustees has under advisement a plan of reorganization of internal administration which will clear away many of the objectional features of our working plan. Auburn men who have been familiar with conditions at Auburn since 1900 know that the college has since that date ceased to be a small college with a faculty of fifteen or twenty and has become in effect three or four such colleges in number of students, in number of teachers, in the diversity of its activities. Our organization has not quite kept pace with our growth. But that, as well as other matters in this report, has been under discussion for some time. Nearly every one of the needs of the college pointed out will be found in the files of the President's reports.

Notwithstanding our enormous growth in buildings and equipment since 1900, the college has often asked for much more which has been urgently needed for years. However, some of our faults we did not see until they were pointed out. We should be grateful for this service as well as for the unbiased approval of our work by disinterested experts. Legislatures, men unacquainted with the aims of collegiate institutions, the people of the state generally will now understand our needs better and will respond to our call for help more quickly. If those who direct the fortunes of our collegiate organizations in the future do their work with the same spirit of open-mindedness that our visiting critic displayed, the same eagerness to understand the needs of all the people, Alabama will have little occasion to regret any errors which they may have made.

Meetings of Board of Trustees

The members of the Board of Trustees are taking an added interest in the affairs of the college. The usual mid-winter session was so largely taken up with the military review and the exercises in Langdon Hall, that after being entertained at dinner by Mrs. Thach, there was scant time left to do aught but hear the report of Acting President Ross and read a few communications. Before adjournment to March 8th however, the Board took time to pass the following commendable resolutions which were telegraphed to Dr. Thach at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore:

"WHEREAS, Dr. Charles C. Thach, President of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute has been connected with said institution continuously for more than forty years—first, as an associate professor, then as a full professor and later as its honored and highly efficient president; and

WHEREAS, all during these years Dr. Thach has devoted himself and his best efforts unselfishly to the welfare and up-building of the college, and has counted no personal sacrifice too great whenever and wherever the interest of the college was at stake, and has repeatedly refused to accept any increase in his own salary, preferring to devote the funds where he considered it more needed; and

WHEREAS, during all these years while he has administered the affairs of the institution Dr. Thach has never taken a protracted vacation, but has remained at his post in season and out of season without thought of himself; and

WHEREAS, during the administration of Dr. Thach the college has progressed and prospered far beyond the hopes of its closest friends, and its prestige and standard as the pioneer institution of the kind in the South has been maintained, even, at times, under severe financial difficulties; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees feels that Dr. Thach has abundantly earned a rest for an indeterminate period to enable him to regain his health and wonted vigor, to the end that he may again soon resume the duties of his office with his health perfectly restored;

THEREFORE, in appreciation of Dr. Thach's services to the College during all the years of his manhood and his unsparing devotion to duty, and in recognition of our duty and obligation to the college, BE IT RESOLVED, that his leave of absence be extended to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees in June, 1920, and that during said time he con-

tinue to receive his full salary as President."

On March 8th and 9th, the Board again convened at Auburn, all being present with the exception of P. S. Haley of Corona, and though the weather was blustering and most inclement, Governor Kilby and his associates made a personal inspection of the physical condition of the college buildings,—going through the Administration Building, the Engineering Building, the Chemistry Building and Laboratories, Light Plant, Pharmacy Building, Dormitory, Library, Gymnasium, Agricultural Building, Veterinary Building and Serum Plant,—carefully noting the condition and the needs of each one.

Later they held an extended business session in the President's office, where among other matters they gave careful attention to a voluminous report submitted by Examiner Chapman on the financial phase of the work at Auburn.

Among the matters of special importance at this busy session were, the sale for \$12,000.00 of the electric power transmission line to the Alabama Power Company. This line four miles in length connects with the Alexander City-Opeika transmission line owned by the Alabama Power Company, and will be used by the latter company, as part of a line to be constructed to Tuskegee. The line was constructed during the war and was sold for just what it cost to build it. The college will continue to furnish light and power for the town of Auburn and for commercial purposes as in the past.

The trustees also endorsed the plan submitted for securing a handsome Y. M. C. A. building for the college. Under the scheme proposed the Y. M. C. A. will raise \$30,000 which when in hand will be matched by a donation of \$60,000.00 from Mr. Rockefeller,—thus assuring an edifice that will be both ample for the work and handsome in appearance.

The Board also reported the gift of \$10,000.00 by the family of Rueben Herzfeld of Alexander City, to be used as the nucleus of a fund for the erection of a suitable hospital in his memory for the students of the college. A further subscription to the fund of \$3,000.00 was made by the Auburn Athletic Association. Other steps will be taken to secure at least \$15,000 to \$17,000 more.

A petition from the Faculty calling attention to the necessity for increased compensation due to increased cost of living, was given sympathetic consideration and referred to the Administrative

Committee for a report at the next meeting of the Board in May.

A dozen friends of the Governor entertained him and the Board informally at supper Friday night and were rewarded by hearing at first hand the announcement of his appointment of Hon. B. B.

Comer as Senator for the short term.

The intelligent investigation of affairs by the Board of Trustees and their evident desire and intention to be thoroughly informed on all Auburn conditions, has brought forth universal commendation on all sides.

Activities of Alumni Organizations

AUBURN ALUMNI OF MONTGOMERY FEBRUARY MEETING

That was a pleasant occasion at Montgomery on the night of Thursday, February 26th, when the Auburn Alumni of Montgomery held their monthly meeting in the banquet hall of the Exchange Hotel. The Montgomery Association holds a meeting every month, the members coming together for a supper usually from 7 to 8:30 o'clock, during which time there is a short program of entertainment, followed by the business session with one or two live addresses. Upon this occasion President Gaston J. Greil made an excellent talk to his fellow alumni, calling attention to the fact that the organization was not getting into politics, as some people seemed to think, but was doing its level best to keep Auburn out of politics. He spoke of the help a virile, influential alumni could render to the college in increasing its attendance, in enlarging appropriations for needed equipment and buildings, in demanding a faculty and executives of highest scholarship, and culture, and encouraging the generosity of people of means to make bequests and endowments to the college.

Secretary J. Haygood Paterson called attention to the fact that Auburn was a farmers school, organized, planned and conducted to aid in developing men to farm more intelligently and profitably, that the demand for adequate appropriations should emanate from the farmers, and when their interest was properly aroused, the money needed would be forthcoming.

Attention was directed to the fact that publication of the Auburn Alumnus had been resumed with the February issue. A few first copies from the press being distributed. A committee on subscriptions consisting of Millard Westcott, Sam Calloway and W. H. Bruce immediately secured and turned in a list of paid subscriptions and all expressed a desire to get behind and boost the publication.

G. N. Mitcham '97, recently placed in charge of a division in the State Highway Department was called on and made a most happy response. The entertainment feature was provided by Mrs. Law-

rence Weil who rendered some popular songs in her own delightful fashion.

MONTGOMERY AUBURN ALUMNI DE- SIRE CONSIDERATION

At a meeting of the Montgomery Auburn Alumni Association on Wednesday, February 18, the following resolutions presented by a Committee on Resolutions, composed of George Wheeler, Chairman, Joseph Calloway, and Wallace Paterson, were unanimously adopted as follows:

"The Alumni of Montgomery, Alabama, feel that the Alumni are a part of the institution and acting with, what we feel, to be the best interest of our Alma Mater, at a meeting of the Montgomery Auburn Alumni Association held this day, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas; No vacancy now exists in the Presidency of Auburn;

"And Whereas; Dr. Thach is still President, we request and respectfully urge the Board to retain, and give him sufficient leave of absence to fully regain his health.

"We further request, that when a vacancy shall occur, the Board consult with the Alumni, with the idea in view of selecting for this exalted position, the man best suited."

NEWSPAPER COMMENT

Daily newspapers of the state have given considerable prominence lately to Auburn affairs. In several instances leading editorials have been written on the subject of the possible retirement of President Thach who is absent on sick leave. We are reproducing some of these as being of special interest to the Alumni of the College.

Editorial Birmingham Ledger, February 23, 1920.

DR. THACH AND AUBURN

Regard for the best interests of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute as a great state mental foundry, in which more than a thousand young Alabamians are annually moulded and fashioned into useful citizenship, compels a dual thought in connection with the possibility that

President Thach may at some future time find it necessary, on account of impairment of his physical condition, to retire from the activities of that office.

(1) In case Dr. Thach fails in physical strength and notifies the trustees that he feels it the wise thing and of benefit to the institution to surrender the active discharge of the duties of president, he should be made president emeritus and be retained on the faculty in an advisory capacity. His experience, his ripened judgment and his intimate association with the young men of Alabama for three decades are qualities that cannot be spared in the Auburn scheme. He would be as valuable there as he has been in active harness.

Chas. C. Thach and Auburn are inseparable thoughts in the minds of Alabamians, and they refuse to picture an Auburn without that splendid brain and that great heart doing for it to their end.

(2) In case the time does come when Dr. Thach shall retire from the active duties of the presidency and Alabama must cast about for a successor, that should be done with the single view of securing the very best man obtainable no matter where he hails from. If proper material is discovered in Alabama, well and good. If there is better in some other state, that is where we should go to select the new president. No matter whence the new president might come, the act of acceptance of the office makes him an Alabamian.

Anything short of the best that can be gotten for Auburn would be resented by alumni, students and Alabamians at large. We cannot trifle with the destinies of the young men and the young women of this state. They rise superior to politics, to personal considerations, to logrolling, to any thought but the good of the institution, of Alabama.

An eye single to the public good and that recognition of the faithful and expert service rendered this state for 30 years by Dr. Thach will enable the doing of the right thing both with regard to Dr. Thach and to the school."

Editorial Birmingham Ledger.

WE MUST NOT TRIFLE WITH AUBURN

"We do not know whether there has been politics in play with regard to the presidency of the Alabama Polytechnic or not. We do know that there should be none.

Dr. Thach is on a vacation of 90 days. For the present there is no reason to believe that he will not be able to resume his duties at the expiration of that period. That revered and conscientious educator, who has given a lifetime to able, painstaking and sympathetic service to the youth of Alabama, will not ask for

retention in active harness in case he finds himself physically unfitted. We may depend on his letting us know when that time comes, if it comes.

Meanwhile there are two thoughts we should have:

(1) In case Dr. Thach, at some future time, announces his retirement from active service, he should be made president emeritus during the remainder of his life as the only fit return which the state can make for what he shall have been and done.

(2) His successor should be a man of conspicuous ability, not mediocre, and there should not be a suspicion of politics in the choice. If securing the best material means going out of the state, we should do that.

We should not trifle with Auburn. That would mean trifling with the destinies of 1,100 young Alabamians yearly."

The Birmingham Auburn Alumni Association express appreciation of work of Birmingham paper.

AUBURN ALUMNI

Thank the Editor of The Ledger for This Paper's Service.

To the Editor The Birmingham Ledger:

We wish to thank you and your paper very kindly for the support you gave us recently during the political movement to relieve Dr. Thach of his position at Auburn.

We feel that the Birmingham papers were largely responsible that a certain bunch of politicians did not remove Dr. Thach and place one of their own kind in his position.

Every Auburn man and broad-thinking citizen loves Dr. Thach for the good work he has given to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, and we only hope that he will continue to improve; but if it becomes necessary to replace him, we trust the Board of Trustees will select one of the largest and best educators in the country.

C. W. STREIT, JR.

President Jefferson County Alumni Association.

Editorial Birmingham Ledger, Feb. 29.
ONLY THE VERY BEST IN COUNTRY
FOR AUBURN

The Ledger is in receipt of an expression of appreciation of its stand with regard to Dr. Thach and Auburn from the president of the Jefferson County Auburn Alumni association. In the course of this acknowledgement there is this sentence:

"In case Dr. Thach retires, the Auburn alumni want the best and largest education in the country to take his place."

All Alabama holds as the alumni, for Auburn belongs to Alabama and the more than a thousand young men yearly qualified there for building up their state. If there are men or sets of men in Alabama who have any idea that the alumni, or the people at large are going to tamely submit to any logrolling, to any political preference, to any nepotism, to any short play in this matter, they are merely piling up trouble for themselves.

The man who succeeds Dr. Thach, whenever that event comes about, is, by demand of the alumni and the fathers and mothers of Alabama, going to be the best available material irrespective of where that material is located.

Such a forceful consensus of opinion in this respect has arisen that little danger exists of attempts to go to the contrary.

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

The Annual Convention of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers occurred this year in Atlanta on February 24-26 inclusive. This is the most important gathering of agriculturists occurring in the South during the year and always attracts to its deliberations men of recognized worth and standing in the work.

It is gratifying to note that Auburn furnished her full quota of men and specialists for the occasion and had a large share in the program of speakers. Among those who participated were Prof. J. F. Duggar, Director of the Extension Service and Experiment Station; Dr. C. A. Cary, Dean of the Veterinary College; Geo. S. Templeton, Chief of the Division of Animal Husbandry; G. C. Starcher, Professor of Horticulture and R. G. Briggs, Sweet Potato Specialist. There were also on the program several Auburn Alumni who are holding high positions in agricultural work in other states. Among them were Jesse M. Jones, now Agricultural Industrial Agent Seaboard Air Line; T. R. Lloyd, '87, Director of Farm Bureau of Memphis Chamber of Commerce; Dr. W. M. Riggs, '93, President of Clemson College, S. C.

Student Body Activities

AUBURN CLEAN-UP DAY

Wednesday, February 19, was a busy day in the College city. There was a difficult situation to be met. A town about to receive an official visit from the Governor of the state, the board of trustees of the college and hundreds of kindred and friends of the students attending the mid-winter exercises of the College, found that its streets were littered with paper, trash, etc. Prompt action was necessary. Immediate cooperation among the citizens of the town, members of the faculty, and the student body resulted, and a division was made of the town into seven districts, each supervised by a citizen who with a squad of students relieved of all other duties for the afternoon, conducted an intensive campaign on every street, alley, and back yard in town.

Under the command of Captain Spalding, the campaign was carried forward with military precision; details were posted, trash wagons were enlisted, bonfires were started, and as if by a magic wand, papers, tin cans, and rubbish disappeared from the highways and byways, so that in two hours Auburn's face was again shining with con-

fidence and pride. The spirit of cooperation evidenced by this campaign brought forth the following editorial comment from the Birmingham Ledger:

AUBURN DEVELOPS SOLIDARITY

"The best news from Auburn, site of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute these many years, is that announcing the appearance on the streets very recently of college professors, the thousand students and citizens at large in a combined attack on the town's litter.

Not only this passing clean-up drive in behalf of the February dances and other festivities, but the civic association, which inaugurated the attack on poor appearances, is also pledged to aid in erecting a Y. M. C. A. building for the student body. Arrangements were made to put some specific enemies of student life out of business.

Another notable event was revival of a faculty committee whose duty it shall be to provide the student body with high-class entertainment. A fine start in this direction was made by bringing Frieda Hempel and her assistant artists, who so delighted Birmingham.

Auburn is ideally situated for college life. It is essentially a college community and it is out of this college atmos-

where, according to its character, that the teachers, students and the citizens garner either that which satisfies or that which leaves a void that should not exist.

Auburn appears bent on a solidarity of its threefold interests. The achievement will benefit all alike."

AUBURN RIFLE MATCH

The Auburn Rifle team has been making an enviable record for itself and reflecting credit upon the College. It is interesting to note that these men, like those enrolled in other competitive matches such as football, baseball, basketball and oratorial contests, maintain high standards in sportsmanship and play the game to win.

In its maiden effort on February 28, the Auburn team in the morning shot off the match with the University of Georgia, winning the same by a score of 488 to 481. In the afternoon the team took on a similar team from the Mississippi A. & M. College, and scored a percent of 96 as against Mississippi's 91.6.

An army rifle firing a 22-calibre cartridge was used in these contests, each team firing on its own local rifle range, telegraphing its score to its competitor. The range varies from 50 to 75 feet to a target, and the men shoot from a prone position, ten men in each team, each man firing usually ten shots.

On Tuesday, March 2, another match was held with the North Georgia Agricultural College at Dahlonega, Georgia, Auburn again winning by a score of 496 to 488.

The personnel of the Auburn team is composed of three ex-lieutenants of the Army, G. B. Komp, C. H. Snuggs, and A. O. Taylor, all of whom have the advantage gained from continuous army practice. R. M. Chambers and R. M. Johnston were members of the Camp Taylor, Kentucky, team, attending the National Army match at Seagirt, New Jersey, last year, so they are classed as veterans.

In August of every year, the National matches are held at either Seagirt, New Jersey, or on Lake Erie at Camp Perry, Ohio, and plans are now under way to send an Auburn team this year to that event.

AUBURN WINS STOCK-JUDGING CONTEST

Every year at the South-eastern Fair held in Atlanta, students from the Agricultural Colleges of eight Southern States compete in a stock-judging contest. The only entries this year were from Alabama, South Carolina and Georgia. In this contest the team representing the Alabama Polytechnic Institute won the contest with a score of 8512; the South Caro-

lina team scoring 8401; while the Georgia team ranked third with a score of 8197. It is particularly gratifying to note that with 15 men engaged in the contest, four of the first six places were won by Auburn men, as follows: First, Lamar LeBron of Millbrook, Elmore County; Second, W. A. Cammack, Grove Hill, Clarke County; Fifth, T. L. Bradley, of Birmingham; and Sixth, A. O. Riser of Birmingham. The third place was won by Rogers of South Carolina; while McDonough of Georgia took the fourth place.

In training for the contest the Senior class at Auburn in Animal Husbandry took several trips, studying some of the best livestock over the state. Following the work done with these herds of livestock, a few classes were judged at the College Farm at Auburn and the nine men making the best average grade were selected to make a trip to the middle West for further training. Four days were spent at the University of Missouri, judging the various herds of livestock owned by that Institution. Some of the good breeding herds in the central part of Missouri were also used for class work. As a result of the Western trip, five men making the best showing were then chosen to represent the Alabama Polytechnic Institute in the contest in Atlanta. It is everywhere felt that the members of the Alabama team have reflected credit upon their alma mater.

AUBURN PLAYERS

Since our last issue the Auburn Players have made their initial bow to the public, and are now established in a permanent, and enviable niche in the life of the College town. The entertainment was staged in the large auditorium of the Grammar school which was filled to overflowing and many were unable to get seats. The school is particularly well equipped for an entertainment of this kind, the stage being supplied with footlights, full sets of scenery, etc.

The plays presented were "Suppressed Desires", a satirical comedy, and "The Wonder Hat", a harlequinade. All of the participants were college students and acquitted themselves with full credit. The caste in "Suppressed Desires" was composed of Miss M. Eberhardt, Madie Dowdell and G. C. Williams. In "The Wonder Hat" the participants were E. E. Mavnor, J. S. Kernachan, L. Newman, Henry C. Jones, Jr. and H. C. Crockett. Both plays were rehearsed and staged under the direction of V. G. Loggins, assistant professor in English. The College orchestra added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1920

The following is the schedule of the games arranged for the baseball nine for the spring season. Make a note of such games as you expect to attend:

March 25-26—Birmingham Southern College at Birmingham.

March 27-28—Howard College at Birmingham.

April 1-2—Oglethorpe University at Atlanta.

April 3-4—Furman (double header)

at Greenville, S. C.

April 5-6—Clemson College at Clemson, S. C.

April 7-8—University of South Carolina at Columbia, S. C.

April 12-13—University of Michigan, Auburn campus.

April 23-24—Open.

April 30-May 1—University of Georgia, Auburn campus.

May 10-11—University of Georgia at Athens.

Mid-Winter Exercises at Auburn

With alumni and men of prominence present from various portions of Alabama; with parents of many students, and scores of visiting girls and boys from all over the state; with members of the Board of Trustees of the College, including his Excellency, Governor Thos. E. Kilby,—the midwinter exercises of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute provided a most attractive program of information and enjoyment for all fortunate enough to attend.

On the Campus.

The program definitely started when Battery "A" fired an opening salute of 17 guns in honor of the Governor as he entered the campus, and with the Board of Trustees took his position upon the reviewing stand about ten thirty in the morning. Immense throngs surrounded the campus where a most successful and interesting military program was carried out under command of Lieut. L. J. Fortier, consisting of exhibition drills by Companies "B" and "D" in extended order; Engineer Company in close order drill; Company "A" in bayonet practice; Company "C" in physical exercises; "E" in close order drill and Battery "A" in artillery problems.

In Langdon Hall

A review of the entire corps of cadets, headed by the Auburn Military Band, was then held by Governor Kilby, the regiment forming in three battalions. Following this three guidons were presented Batteries A, B and C by Mrs. L. J. Fortier in a graceful speech, and accepted by their Captains H. S. Fallwood, L. C. Perry and H. L. Kahn. Mrs. Fortier was surrounded by a bevy of twelve beautiful young ladies, acting as spon-

sors as follows: Elizabeth Adams, Elizabeth Crommelin and Theodosia Lee of Montgomery, Hattie M. Coleman, Emma Stockman, Elise Sparrow, Leola Shannon of Birmingham, Virginia Lewis of Eufaula, Stanley Cornwell of Oliver, Tenn., Mildred Winston, Flora Mae Martin and Archie Newman.

At Langdon Hall Dr. C. C. Daniels, President of the Birmingham-Southern College, delivered a short address to the students in which he emphasized the value of training in the leadership of world affairs. "Training means precision, speed, endurance and reliability. I have been in a large number of cities in Alabama; have preached in over an hundred churches and have almost always found one or more men in the community from Auburn, exemplifying the spirit of service and fellowship for which the training at Auburn stands."

The next number on the program was the presentation to the college of a marker as a memorial by the Light Horse Harry Lee Chapter D. A. R., in honor of Auburn men who died in service. The presentation was made by its President, Mrs. W. E. Hinds, and was accepted by Dr. B. B. Ross, Acting President.

Governor Kilby then presented commissions to the student officers, Col. J. B. DeRamus, Lt. Col. W. J. Samford, Majors J. T. Frazer, L. C. LeBron, J. C. O'Neal; sixteen captains, twenty-two lieutenants, and twenty-five second lieutenants. As the Governor made each presentation he returned the military salute of the recipient of the commission, shook him cordially by the hand, and again acknowledged the salute as he left,—until before the entire list of 75 was complete the Governor was giving a splendid imitation of a Dutch windmill in active operation. But every boy was treated as an individual, each one drew special applause; the occasion was one to be remembered,—and the Governor stuck manfully to his guns; although doubtless somewhat fatigued before it was over.

Report of 1919 Athletic Events

By M. J. DONAHUE

The drawing to a successful close of the basketball season winds up a very successful year for two of the major sports—football and basketball. Baseball and track have yet to show what the teams can do in those sports.

Football

From a standpoint of progress made as well as results obtained the football season last fall was the most successful in Auburn's history. From the team that played Howard college early in October to the team that defeated Tech on Thanksgiving Day was as far as it is possible for any football team to travel in any one season. The team looked hopeless in October and had to work hard to defeat Howard but on Thanksgiving it looked as if it could beat anything and came off Grant Field as fresh as when it started. To begin with the material was potentially good but it was very green and some of the players lacked condition.

There was one real veteran, Capt. Pete Bonner, and all the way through besides being a first class fighting leader on the football field he played the best game of his career, which is an unusual thing for a man man worried with the duties of the Captaincy. Over half of the rest of the players had had experience only in S. A. T. C. football which was not much from a college standpoint. The rest had had some experience in 1917 but not enough to make it stick good while in the service and so had practically to begin all over again. Some who had some experience like Sizemore and Warren came back woefully out of condition because of excess weight. Sizemore in spite of the most Herculean efforts never got into playing condition while Warren came through late in the season—much to Tech's discomfiture.

Clemson and Vanderbilt

The team began to show its possibilities in the Clemson game. Although the score was close nevertheless Auburn showed that with the gathering up of loose ends there was a powerful team in the making. In the next game against Vanderbilt Auburn probably showed the greatest strength of the year in spite of the fact that the game was lost 6-7. Elimination of fumbling in this game would have left Auburn a victor by five touchdowns but the team had come so fast that it lacked the poise and balance that it had in the Tech game, even though the team had not the power dis-

played in the Vandy game. Injuries weakened the team the balance of the season especially in the backfield. The team showed in the Vanderbilt game that besides being one of the best teams that Auburn has had it was also one of the grittiest. Under the most discouraging and disheartening circumstance the team kept fighting until the whistle blew in the final quarter.

In the Georgia, Spring Hill and Miss. A. & M. games the team conserved its strength and was satisfied to win by any score whatsoever. The general opinion before the Tech game was that an Auburn victory would be a miracle but a football analysis of the games that Auburn and Tech played against Vandy and Clemson did not look at all bad for Auburn in spite of the disparity in scores. Auburn's chief weakness for that Tech game was the loss of players in the backfield through injuries and other causes. There was only one line-up left that had worked together—Trapp, Howard, Shirling and Stubbs. Three of these were suffering from injuries of a more or less minor nature. In fact Howard had not been able to last a game all season, while the fourth, Shirling was suffering with malarial fever. Scott and Williamson were out because of injuries, while Hughes had left school. The other backs with the exception of Kirkwood had had no experience. So Auburn was skating on very thin ice and had to act accordingly. The condition of the backfield made it necessary to utilize as much as possible the kicking and passing game.

That Game With Tech

The Tech game opened very poorly for Auburn. After kicking off, the team allowed Tech to work the old side line play which nearly every team that was played during the fall tried to work but with poor success. The team was somewhat dazed however by the importance of the contest and the result was that Tech got the ball on Auburn's goal line and was just barely able to get it over in the first two minutes of play. As the game turned out were it not for this play Tech would never have gotten the ball inside Auburn's thirty-five yard line.

After this touchdown Auburn kicked off again and the Tech catcher of the kick was tackled so hard by Trapp he dropped the ball and Auburn recovered. Auburn tried to carry it over by rushing but failed to make much impression on Tech's defense. Tech likewise the balance of the game could gain ground in its own territory but when the ball went past the middle of the field Au-

burn took no chance and stopped the Tech advance.

In the second quarter Auburn made a determined effort to score. After gaining ground by the kicking game Auburn secured the ball near the middle of the field and by means of passes, kicks and quick shifts advanced the ball in spite of a fifteen yard penalty until it was first down on Tech's eleven yard line in Auburn's possession, but a fumble stopped the advance. Auburn was crowding hard in this period and forcing Tech back until Harland was forced to take his position for a punt back of his own goal line. Rather than risk a blocked punt by the fierce charging line he touched it down for a safety thus giving Auburn two points. Auburn did block a punt via Warren in the third quarter and Slone surrounded by elert Auburn players converted it into a touchdown and put Auburn in the lead. This settled the game in so far as winning was concerned because Auburn was forcing the fight and by means of Ollinger's beautiful punting and Caton's accurate passing kept the play constantly in Tech territory. The team too, was being beautifully handled by Trapp and by means of Howard's unexpected punt to Tech safety man, Warren had a chance to shine once more.

Warren Creates Sensation

A hard tackle caused a fumble and Warren on the spot again scooped it up and majestically sailed towards Tech goal convoyed safely to port by the whole Auburn team which kept his voluminous person from being mishandled by the frantic Tech chasers. At the request of his team mates Warren quit running after he had passed the Tech goal line. Auburn once more scored by

means of a pass but the play was called back because of offside in the line. Outside of the first two minutes Auburn played a heady, alert game, tackled fiercely, was on top of the ball every second and the team was better handled than any Auburn team in some time.

Basketball

The basketball squad came near rivaling the football team in so far as Southern college games is concerned. With Tech to be played still, only one game has been lost and that to Georgia at Athens early in the season. Georgia was beaten in Auburn. The Atlanta Athletic Club was the only team of any kind in this section to defeat Auburn in two games, while the B. A. C. and the Montgomery Y, both strong teams in this state were defeated both at home and in Auburn. A new departure for an Auburn team was a trip through Virginia by the basketball team. As was expected because of the hard trips and games on successive nights most of the games were lost though by very close scores for the most part. The team started the trip by defeating Clemson decisively. Then the effects of travelling began to be felt and the next games were lost. Towards the end of the week the team began to find itself again and on Friday Virginia was defeated and a very close game was lost to V. P. I. which is probably the strongest team in the South Atlantic states. Of more importance than games won or lost was the impression the Auburn team made on their opponents by their clean play and general behavior. The result has been, most cordial expressions from these colleges of a desire for closer athletic relationship with Auburn, and any Auburn team is assured a hospitable welcome in that vicinity.

News Notes of the Faculty

Dr. C. A. Cary, Dean of the Veterinary College, was elected President of the American Association of Veterinary Surgeons at their annual meeting in New Orleans.

Prof. Thomas Bragg, President of the Alumni Association and Faculty Manager of Athletics was elected Vice-President of the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association at their meeting in New York in December.

Prof. V. L. Loggins, Assistant Professor in English, was the leader for the March meeting of the Conversation Club held in the home of Acting President Ross. The subject was "O. Henry and the Short Story" and as Prof. Loggins

came from Texas, where much of O. Henry's life was spent,—his paper was full of information of special interest.

Prof. Thos. P. Atkinson has purchased a home on Magnolia Avenue and will move in with his family in September.

Dean George Petrie, at a recent meeting of the faculty, announced that after conference between the authorities of the University of Alabama and Auburn, agreement had been reached with regard to entrance requirements for the 1920-21 session. Fifteen High School units will be required for full admission to the Freshman class at both State Institutions and at least thirteen units for conditioned admission. A common list of accredited High Schools also has been

agreed upon and will be published in the 1920 catalogues.

As Spring days lure the first green shoots above the surface, golf is once

more claiming its share of attention. Among its most regular devotees are Professors Petrie, Dunstan, Messick, Ross and Rutland.

News from the Alumni

1893. Among recent visitors at Auburn was Joel F. Webb, popular Attorney of Birmingham and one time member of the Class of '93. Mr. Webb is State Manager for Judge Samuel D. Weakley in his senatorial campaign, and made good use of his time while here in seeing old time associates and teachers. His son, R. P. Webb is in the Freshman Class and is taking the General Course.

1908. William E. Ellsberry, Jr., B. S. has attracted attention to his farming ability this year on "Primrose Farm" Montgomery, by putting up cane silage for \$1.94 per ton, making a yield of 18 tons to the acre. This included labor, rent of land, seed, soil preparation, crop cultivation, team hire and wear and tear of machinery.

1908. Clarence B. Stillman, B. S. who was formerly with the Carnegie Steel Company at Youngstown, Ohio, has recently moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he is employed by the Century Electric Company. He is residing at No. 5212 Minerva Avenue.

1878. A. R. Harvey was the Dean of the February dinner of the Montgomery-Auburn Alumni Association given recently at the Exchange Hotel in Montgomery. He is a prominent seedsman of the Capital City. Joseph Callaway 1881, Attorney at law was next on the list of veterans.

1910. Edwin Ray Stauffacher, B. S. has been made Protection Engineer of the Southern California Edison Co., at Los Angeles. He keeps in touch with his Alma Mater and expresses himself as always interested in the activities of the alumni.

1917. Jno. M. Ward, is associated with Prof. J. M. Starke of Montgomery as a teacher in the Starke University School.

1892. W. F. Feagin, B. S. has been selected by his fellow-members on the Board of Trustees of the College to serve on the State Council of Education.

1892. Frank M. Mosley, B. S. is an Electrical Contractor and Dealer in Montgomery. He reports that he has five

sons with which to replenish the Auburn student stock from time to time.

1907. R. C. Williams, B. S. Assistant Surgeon of the United States Health Service is located now in New Orleans.

1916. James Terry Smith, is Paying Teller at the Capital National Bank Montgomery.

IN RE THE CLASS OF 1905

Robert Platt Boyd, B. S. Class of 1905, C. E. 1906, upon leaving Auburn was Assistant to City Engineer at Gadsden on sewer construction; went from there to Sheffield where he engaged in furnace and railroad construction; thence to Montgomery as Engineer in charge of improving State Capitol Grounds and as Assistant to County Engineer in road construction. In September 1908 Mr. Boyd went to Morgan County as County Engineer on a \$250,000 job of macadam highway construction. After two years work in North Alabama Mr. Boyd was made Assistant Highway Engineer of Alabama with headquarters at Montgomery, where he remained for six years. Now for the past four years he has been the Highway Engineer for Ouachita Parish, Monroe, La. where he has been constructing 200 miles of gravel and 10 miles of concrete highways, built with a bond issue of \$1,600,000. In February 1910 he married Miss Corrie C. Smith of Montgomery. They have one boy, Robert Platt Jr., who is now nine years old.

Josiah Flournoy Jr., 1905 lives over in Columbus, Ga., where he is engaged in the Real Estate and Insurance business for pleasure, being the Treasurer of the Flournoy Realty Company. His real business however is as President of the Columbus-Auburn Alumni Association, which he avers is the liveliest Alumni Association Auburn has in either Alabama or Georgia. Helen Flournoy is the name of his nine year old daughter, and Josiah Martin Flournoy is the four year old boy who will enter the Auburn Class of 1932.

Leonard Graham Gresham, B. S. 1905, was engaged in the electrical business after leaving Auburn for a period of years. Some three years ago however he became associated with the Melton Hardware Company of Meridian, Miss-

issippi, and is still engaged in extending the immense retail and wholesale business done by this firm.

James Bruce Moseley, Jr., B. S. 1905, better known as "Mose", after finishing at Auburn accepted a position as Engineer of the Starke Electric Light & Water Co., in Florida. From there he went to the General Electric Co., Lynn, Mass., going through the test course, and later was connected with McMeen & Miller, Chicago Engineers, in getting up plans and specifications for a new fire alarm system for New York City.

Upon completing this work he engaged in the engineering and contracting business at Greenwood, S. C., for two years, going thence to the Charleston Navy Yard for two years. From here he was transferred to the League Island Navy Yard at Philadelphia, where he remained a year, and then accepted a position with the Appalachian Power Company at Bluefield, W. Va., where he is now engaged as Assistant Manager of the new Business Department. In November 1916 Mr. Moseley married Miss Lena Barr Galloway of Due West, S. C.

Benjamin Burke Phillips B. S. 1905 after leaving college spent four years in the mercantile business at Ashville, Alabama. Later he sold out his interests there and moved to Gadsden, where he incorporated the Phillips-Neely Mercantile Company of which he is President. The firm is located at 217 South Fourth Street, where they buy cotton and "sell everything." In April 1916 Mr. Phillips married Miss Mary Louise DuPre of Atlanta. They have a two year old daughter named Mary Louise and Julia Variena who was born on January 1st, 1920.

George Burton Skinner, B. S. 1905, went to the Engineering Department of the Southern Railway in Tennessee for a year after leaving Auburn, but the call of the farm was too strong and for twelve years he devoted himself to his farming interests. For the past two years he has been with the Alabama Lumber & Supply Co. at Demopolis as Assistant Manager. In Auburn 1919 he married Miss J. B. Williams of Jackson, Ala.

NECROLOGY

Enoch Lester Miller, B. S. 1905 died during the Fall of 1919. Mr. Miller was a manufacturer of tanks doing business under the firm name of the Houston Tank Company. News of his death recently came to the Alumnus from his widow in Houston, who was formerly Miss Willie E. Chumley B. S. of the class of 1907. To her, the Alumnus extends h artfelt sympathy.



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